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SUBJECT: TRIP BY SOMERSET RESIDENTS

REF: BERLIN 5311

DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DETAIL CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND PRO-
POSES TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO CY WADDLE OF CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. WADDLE: THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO YOUR
RECENT INQUIRY CONCERNING THE TRIP WHICH YOUR ORGANIZATION
IS SPONSORING FOR A GROUP OF KENTUCKY RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO
VISIT GERMANY AND PLAN TO INCLUDE ON THEIR ITINERARY A
STOPOVER IN BOTH EAST AND WEST BERLIN.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUCH PRIVATE TOURS BY
AMERICAN CITIZENS. AS THE US DOES NOT HAVE A CULTURAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR, NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE
EMBASSY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GDR FOR THE BAND TO
PERFORM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR COOPER IS PLANNING
A RECEPTION FOR YOUR GROUP AND THAT HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS
STAFF WILL BE PLEASED TO GREET YOU AND TO BRIEF THE

GROUP ON THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND OUR RELATIONS
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WITH THAT COUNTRY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE MAKING

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIEFINGS IN WEST BERLIN AS WELL. THIS SHOULD PROVE TO BE HIGHLY INFORMATIVE FOR THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP.

SINCE YOUR GROUP APPEARS TO BE A LARGE ONE, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DEAL WITH EXPERIENCED TRAVEL BUREAUS WHICH ARE EQUIPPED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. I AM ENCLOSING SOME TRAVEL INFORMATION WHICH WE MAKE AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS VISITING BERLIN AND THE GDR.

WE TRUST THAT YOUR TRIP IS SUCCESSFUL AND THAT YOU WILL THOROUGHLY ENJOY YOUR STAY. END TEXT.

DEPARTMENT WILL SEND LETTER AFTER RECEIVING AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE. KISSINGER

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